



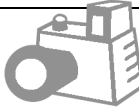
Spotlight News

Live from the Red Carpet of Mrs. Weil's Room



April 30, 2010
Grade 3
Lincoln School

Snapshots of Our Week



Reading:

This week and last, students have continued reading their immigration chapter books. Next up we will be reading "Bound for Oregon" by Jean Van Leeuwen, as a class to go along with our Pioneer Unit. This week we have also begun to focus on several literary elements such as hyperbole, foreshadowing, flashback, simile, metaphor, idiom, conflict and personification. We practiced these terms all week using various activities and centers.

Writing:

This week we were fortunate to have our artist in residence, Bill Buczinsky, join our class while inspiring us with poetry. We learned how to write free-verse poetry while creating a rhythm that flows. Students have also been doing creative writing exercises and today we learned about dialogue and students will be creating their own comics.

Math:

Yesterday we started a new multiplication chapter where students will learn how to multiply by 1, 2 and 3 digit numbers. They will also estimate products and solve multiplication problems. I still encourage all students to practice their multiplication facts (1-10). Ask your child about carrotsticks!

Social Studies/ Science:

Two weeks ago, students were assigned a U.S. landmark or monument to become an "expert" on. Their assignment was to write and create a commercial to convince people to visit. They worked very hard creating slogans, songs, backgrounds and integrating their knowledge into an informative commercial. With all their landmark knowledge they also created free-verse poems that they typed on the computer and created jigsaw puzzles using facts. Next up is our Pioneer Unit! Students will participate in a simulation, all while learning about the Pioneers and their journey. In Science we continue to learn about Simple Machines. This week we did 2 experiments using inclined planes.



Coming Attractions

Monday, May 31: No school - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 18: Early release 8:40-1:00



Now Featuring:

A Two-Thumbs Up Website

Math Baseball

This website provides students with a fun way to practice multiplication facts.

<http://www.funbrain.com/math/>

From The Teacher:

I can't believe May is almost here! This year has just flown by and we still have a lot coming up. Thank you so much for all your donations, whether it was ingredients, books games or both! Next week we will be making Oobleck and Play-Doh to send to our friends in Alaska.

I encourage you to check out the WIKI to see most of the students' commercials! The rest will be up shortly. Have a nice weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather!

-Mrs. Weil☺

Just a reminder of our class WIKI link:
<http://mrsweilswiki.wikispaces.com/>

